

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

In the Claims:

Prior to further examination, please amend claims 31, 40-43 and 47, as provided below, and cancel claims 32-39 and 52-54.

Claims 1-30 (Previously cancelled).

31. (Currently amended) A composition comprising a fragment of a substance P peptide, wherein said fragment comprises antimicrobial activity and does not bind to a cell surface substance P peptide receptor, and wherein said fragment ~~comprises~~ consists of residues 1-8 and does not comprise residue ~~9, 10, or 11~~ of SEQ ID NO:1.

32-39. (Cancel)

40. (Currently amended) The composition of claim + 31, wherein said dose comprises at least 44 μ M substance P peptide fragment.

41. (Currently amended) The composition of claim + 31, wherein said dose comprises about 44 μ M to about 10 mM substance P peptide fragment.

42. (Currently amended) The composition of claim + 31, wherein said dose comprises about 44 μ M to about 390 μ M substance P peptide fragment.

43. (Currently amended) The composition of claim + 31, wherein said dose comprises about 44 μ M to about 83 μ M substance P peptide fragment.

Claims 44-46 (cancelled)

47. (Presently amended) A composition comprising a fragment of a substance P peptide, wherein said fragment comprises antimicrobial activity and does not bind to a cell surface substance P peptide receptor, and wherein said fragment ~~comprises~~ consists of residues 1-8 ~~and does not comprise residue 9, 10, or 11~~ of SEQ ID NO:2.

48. (Previously added) The composition of claim 31, wherein said composition further comprises a patch or bandage into which said fragment is incorporated.

49. (Previously added) The composition of claim 47, wherein said composition further comprises a patch or bandage into which said fragment is incorporated.

50. (Previously added) The composition of claim 31, wherein said composition further comprises a gel, cream, lotion, ointment, aerosol, or suppository.

51. (Previously added) The composition of claim 47, wherein said composition further comprises a gel, cream, lotion, ointment, aerosol, or suppository.

52-54. (cancel)